



November 25, 2003

**Via Federal Express**

Ms. Kedari Reddy  
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United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 2  
290 Broadway  
New York, New York 10007-1866

Re: **Diamond Alkali Superfund Site**

Dear Ms. Reddy:

Please accept this letter in response to your letter of September 15, 2003 addressed to John Guffey, President, Coltec Industries Inc. Initially, please note that Mr. Guffey retired as the president and CEO of Coltec in 1999 when Coltec merged with Goodrich Corporation. Goodrich subsequently spun off the industrial businesses of Coltec Industries effective May 31, 2002. The parent corporation of Coltec Industries is now EnPro Industries, Inc.

Upon receipt of your letter in early October, we conducted an internal investigation to determine whether we had any documents or other information which would indicate what type of operation was conducted by our former subsidiary, Crucible Steel, in Harrison, New Jersey. We have been unable to locate any documents regarding Crucible's former operation at that location. The only file related to this site which apparently contains a CERCLA 104(e) response by Coltec was identified on our file docket as being in offsite storage, but unfortunately, the file has either been lost or misplaced.

Based upon our conversation of today, it is my understanding that you will forward a copy of USEPA's documents relating to Crucible's involvement with this site. You also indicated in our conversation that an indication as to whether Coltec would cooperate and negotiate with USEPA in good faith with regard to remedial investigation of this site is due tomorrow, November 26. I first learned of this response date via e-mail yesterday. In general, Coltec has a history of cooperating with USEPA, in Region 2 and elsewhere, with regard to investigation of sites at which there is evidence of a contribution by Coltec or one of its subsidiaries. To the extent that there is evidence that the former Crucible operation in Harrison, New Jersey caused or contributed to contamination at the site,

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Coltec would be willing to discuss and negotiate in good faith with USEPA regarding a level of contribution to the investigation commensurate with Crucible's connection to the site.

On receipt of the USEPA file information, we will review it and contact you with any questions or comments. In the meantime, thank you for your consideration in forwarding the above-referenced information. Please forward any future correspondence regarding this site to my attention at the address set forth above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. Mayo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" and last name "Mayo" clearly distinguishable.

John R. Mayo

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